The officials of OMCs carry out random checks at distributors godowris, delivery points, as well as en-route to ensure that no misuse takes place. The distributors of OMCs are under strict instructions to check the weight of cylinders at their godowns before delivery', and only cylinders with the specified weight are to be delivered to the customers. The distributors have also been instructed to ensure that the seals are verified & shown to the customers at the time of delivery. In case any under-weight cylinder is received by the customer, such cylinders are replaced free of charge by the OMCs.

**Cost escalation in Indo-Iran gas pileline project**

3824. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

whether he has received invitation from his counterpart in Pakistan to discuss strategies of Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline project;

if so, the details thereof;

whether the delay in Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline has severe cost escalation; and

if so, the steps Government proposes to take to finalize the strategy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) An invitation was received from Minister for Petroleum & Natural Resources, Government *oi* Pakistan for participation of an Indian delegation led by Minister (Petroleum & Natural Gas) in a Ministerial-level meeting for discussions on pending bilateral issues concerning Iran-Pakistan India (IPI) Gas Pipeline Project to be held in Islamabad, Pakistan. The above mentioned meeting has been held in Islamabad on April 25, 2008.

(c) and (d) Such multilateral projects involve protracted discussions, as all the aspects have to be carefully examined and deliberated upon to the satisfaction of the participating countries to protect each country's interests and to avoid any problems in the future in the successful operation of the project.

**CNG distribution centre in Rajasthan**

†3825. SHRI KR1SHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

the number of CNG distribution centres setup for the use by vehicles in various States during last three years;

whether any CNG distribution centres have been setup in any city in Rajasthan during this period;

if so, the details thereof;

if not, the reasons therefor; and

by when the guidelines issued by Hon'ble Rajasthan High Court, Jodhpur will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The number of CNG outlets opened during the last

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.